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1. SUMMARY: GOC BELIEVES DECLARATION OF TLATELOLCO FAILED REFLECT ACCURATELY WHAT FONMINS ACTUALLY AGREED ON IN THEIR DIALOGUE AT MEXICO CITY. GOC HOPES MEASURES WILL BE TAKEN TO PREVENT SOMETHING SIMILAR FROM HAPPENING NEXT MONTH AT WASHINGTON. END SUMMARY

2. FON MINISTRY POLITICAL ADVISER ENRIQUE BERNSTEIN CARABANTES TOLD POL COUNSELOR MARCH 20 HE WANTED TO MAKE SURE WE DID NOT DRAW TOO NEGATIVE AN IMPRESSION OF HUERTA'S ASSESSMENT OF WHAT WAS ACHIEVED AT MEXICO CITY MEETING, FROM MY CONVERSATION WITH FONMIN MARCH 12. HE HAD GONE OVER CONVERSATION WITH HUERTA SUBSEQUENTLY, AND ALTHOUGH FONMIN UNABLE MAKE COMPARISONS WITH PREVIOUS INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES OF THIS KIND, BERNSTEIN BELIEVED HUERTA APPRECIATES FACT THAT MEETING WAS IN REAL SENSE NEW BEGINNING IN U.S.- LATIN AMERICA DIALOGUE FOR WHICH CREDIT LARGELY BELONGS TO SECRETARY KISSINGER.

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MEETING QUITO AND HE WAS HOPEFUL THAT THIS FORWARD MOTION NOT BE LOST AT WASHINGTON MEETING.

3. IN GOC VIEW, BERNSTEIN SAID, DECLARATION OF TLATELOLCO FAILED REFLECT ACCURATELY WHAT WAS AGREED AT MEXICO AND ON OTHER HAND INCLUDED STATEMENTS NOT PREVIOUSLY AGREED BY FONMINS. BERNSTEIN THOUGHT SMALL DRAFTING GROUP WHICH WORKED OUT DECLARATION WAS UNREPRESENTATIVE AND IN ANY CASE HE BELIEVED IT A BAD IDEA FOR MINISTERS IN EFFECT TO HAVE HANDED OVER THEIR POWERS TO WHAT TURNED OUT TO BE AN 18-HOUR NEGOTIATING SESSION IN WHICH MOST WERE UNREPRESENTED. AS HOST AT WASHINGTON USG WOULD HAVE MUCH TO SAY ABOUT HOW ANY JOINT STATEMENT IS PREPARED, AND IF COMMITTEE OF WHOLE NOT POSSIBLE, HE HOPED MORE REPRESENTATIVE WORKING GROUP WITH CLEAR GUIDELINES ABOUT WHAT TO DRAFT, RATHER THAN NEGOTIATE, WOULD BE SELECTED.

4. AS EXAMPLE OF HOW DRAFTING GROUP SLIPPED IN NEW MATERIAL AT MEXICO, BERNSTEIN CITED LANGUAGE IN DECLARATION WHICH IN HIS VIEW TENDS TO LINK ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT WITH SECURITY (WE ASSUME REFERENCE IS TO PARAS 5 TO 7 OF TITLE II). HE REITERATED THAT GOC OPPOSES WEAKENING OAS CHARTER AND RIO TREATY AND SAID HE TRUSTED SAFEGUARDS WOULD BE IMPOSED TO PREVENT ANYTHING SIMILAR HAPPENING AT WASHINGTON. BERNSTEIN THOUGHT IT WAS BETTER FOR BRIEFEST COMMUNIQUE TO BE ISSUED AS OPPOSED TO KIND OF DOCUMENT ISSUED AT MEXICO CITY.
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